



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 7393/71920

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DE MEUTER et al.

Art Unit: 1761

Application No.: 09/586,964

Examiner: L. Wong

Filed: June 5, 2000

For: SUGAR-FREE HARD COATING  
PREPARED FROM LIQUID  
MIXTURES OF ERYTHRITOL AND  
SORBITOL

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AUG 29 2001  
TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

Date: August 27, 2001, Monday  
Due Date: August 25, 2001, Saturday

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this paper in response to the Office Action of July 27, 2001, including claim amendments, as a Response to Requirement for Restriction.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

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2. (Amended) Sugar-free hard-coated comestibles according to claim 1, wherein the dry substance of the mixture comprises between 5% to 50% w/w erythritol.

Please add the following claims: